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SUBJECT: MINE CLEARANCE OF SUEZ CANAL

REF: STATE 30395

1. IN FAHMY'S ABSENCE, I TALKED WITH UNDERSECRETARY LOUTFI ON EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF US NAVY/ARMY SURVEY TEAM FOR SUEZ CANAL MINE CLEARANCE. I ALSO ASKED THAT USE OF CAMERA BE CLEARED WITH APPROPRIATE GOE AUTHORITIES. I ADDED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE PRESIDENT SADAT'S REQUEST, GROUP WILL COME IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

2. AS IT TURNED OUT, LOUTFI KNEW NOTHING ABOUT SURVEY TEAM AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE FAHMY HAD FAILED TO RECORD THIS MATTER. HE ASKED IF EGYPTIAN ARMY HAS BEEN INFORMED. WHEN I TOLD HIM OUR CONTACTS HAD BEEN WITH SCA HEAD MASHOUR AND FAHMY, HE PROMISED GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH MASHOUR TO INQUIRE WHAT HAD BEEN DONE. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BACK TO SAY MASHOUR HAS ARRANGED THAT ONE OFFICER EACH FROM EGYPTIAN NAVY AND ARMY WILL BE WITH TEAM AND TEAM CAN WORK OUT NEEDED PHOTOGRAPHY WITH THESE LIAISON OFFICERS. HENCE, HE SAW NO OBJECTION

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TO BRINGING CAMERA.

3. I LOOK FORWARD TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL AND USINT WILL BE PLEASED BE OF ALL ASSISTANCE TO TEAM AS REQUESTED REFTEL. WE WILL WORK OUT PROGRAM WITH APPROPRIATE SCA AUTHORITIES. ADVISE EXACT ETA WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. RE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DOD TEAM CONTAINED STATE 31215, THESE ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY WITH EXCEPTION OF SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES OF PARA 2. USG ROLE IN EGYPT CONTINUES TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND I MUST BE ASSURED THAT VISITING OFFICIAL PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DOD, ARE SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE CONTROL AS NEEDED. MOREOVER, I EXPECT USINT TO BE INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIANS ON THE SUBJECT AND I WANT TO BE BRIEFED AS NEEDED. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT THESE TWO SENTENCES BE ALTERED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE TEAM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S STAFF IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AMBASSADOR'S SUPERVISORY DIRECTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS MISSION IN EGYPT. THE TEAM WILL BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR ON REQUEST. UNQUOTE
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